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Reveal Secret Mind Tests By CIA at Queens College

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Queens College was one of 80 colleges and institutions in which the Central Intelligence Agency conducted top-secret experiments in "mind control" between 1953 and 1964 it was disclosed yesterday.

The experiments in "mass conversion" were designed to study "changes of attitude, personality and behavior," an official at the college said. The names of some of the other colleges and institutions where the CIA's "MK-ULTRA" secret experiments were conducted have been disclosed previously.

The college said it first became aware through a newspaper article that it may have been involved in such experiments. After writing to the agency requesting information, it was officially notified on Sept. 29 of its involvement.

Found Some Documents

However, the CIA refused to identify the type of experiments performed or who performed them, an official said.

In an earlier letter to Joseph Murphy, who left the Queens presidency

last January and who was not with the college when the experiments were done, the intelligence agency said: "The CIA recently has located several thousand hitherto undiscovered documents relating to activities funded by the CIA as part of Project 98, MK-ULTRA."

The letter went on to assert that in some cases "individuals and institutions were aware of CIA sponsorship, but in many other cases it appears the individuals or institutions or both were not informed that research was connected (with the CIA) in any way."

Asked whether he intended to investigate the matter further, Nathaniel Siegel, acting president of the college, said, "I don't have any impression that there is anything going on now. In any event, I don't think the college campus should become a police state."